

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 Expedited Procedure**

**In re application of:** Hodge et al.

**Application No.** 10/535,523

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**For:** CELL LINES AND HOST NUCLEIC ACID  
SEQUENCES RELATED TO  
INFECTIOUS DISEASE

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION**

This Amendment is submitted in response to a Final Office action dated March 30, 2009, for which a three-month period for reply was set, making a response due on or before June 30, 2009. A reply filed within two months of the mailing date of the Office Action (that is, by May 30, 2009) receives the potential benefit described on pages 5 – 6 of the Office Action. Applicants believe that this response is timely filed within this two-month period and that no fees are due. In the event fees are required with filing this document, please charge Deposit Account 02-4550. Please amend the referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 and end with a **Conclusion** on page 4.